

presence and with the aid of every suggestion he was able to give. It seemed obvious to me that instead of demonstrating that the mortal bullet had been fired through the Israel revolver, it demonstrated that the mortal bullet had not been fired through the Israel gun. These photographs were submitted to the six gentlemen whom I consulted and whose names I have just mentioned, and their conclusions were that these photographs, if of any value whatsoever, proved the incorrectness of the Van Amburgh contention.

"They are not only of the opinion that there is no evidence that the mortal bullet came out of the Israel revolver, but they are clearly of the opinion that the mortal bullet came out of some other unknown weapon. I have in my records a written opinion signed by all six of these gentlemen, relating to the general character of their tests, the conclusions which they have reached and the reasons for these conclusions.

"Briefly stated, the primary ground upon which their opinion rests is that the mortal bullet came out of a weapon in reasonably good condition. There is upon the mortal bullet well-defined evidence of a land and grooves. By way of explanation, let me say that the land is the elevated portion of the rifling on the inside of the barrel. The groove is the space between. As a bullet passes through such a barrel, the lands and grooves make marks upon the bullet, the land, of course, making a depressed place on the bullet and the groove an elevated space.

"Let me direct Your Honor's attention to the photographs made under the direction of the experts whom the state's attorney's office employed. These were largely magnified photographs of the mortal bullet. Here is another photograph of it and that is the supposed mortal cartridge which has the firing pin point I have mentioned. I don't care to refer to that except for the two large pictures. This is a picture of the mortal bullet. This is a picture of a bullet fired through the Israel gun. This is another one fired through the Israel gun. This is a .32 caliber bullet fired through a Smith & Wesson gun, and this is a bullet fired through a modern gun, and this is a picture of the case made. These are similar pictures.

"Now, Your Honor can see easily with your own eyes without the aid of a microscope this indentation